

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am a retired teacher. I pay \$40+ for local telephone service, and I use my telephone less than an hour a month. Long distance for me means buying a telephone card. My pre paid cell phone is for emergencies and I have hundreds of unused minutes because I have not had many emergencies.

I do not feel that I should have to pay one more cent for my telephone service! I can't afford to pay more. In the past four years my medical expenses have gone up 100% and my pension has not gone up a single penny. In fact, my IRAs have lost dramatic amounts.

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I have a land line so that people can contact me. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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